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SUBJECT: NARITA OPENING CEREMONY SET; DEBATE CONTINUES
ON NEED FOR NEW SECURITY LEGISLATION

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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL, CABINET APRIL 4 APPROVED PLANS FOR OPENING CEREMONY AT NARITA AIRPORT MAY 20 AND SEVERAL MEASURES AIMED AT ASSURING AIRPORT SECURITY. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT, CONTRARY TO MEDIA REPORTS, CABINET HAD NOT SET A DATE FOR START OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL, CABINET APRIL 4 APPROVED MAY 20 (NOT MAY 18) OPENING CEREMONY DATE FOR NEW NARITA AIRPORT AND PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS AIMED AT ASSURING AIRPORT SECURITY. DESPITE PRESS REPORTS TO CONTRARY, OFFICIAL SAID THAT CABINET HAD NOT YET SET A DATE FOR START FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, NOR HAD TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY YET INFORMED IATA, ICAO AND CONCERNED NATIONS OF NEW SCHEDULED OPENING.

3. OFFICIAL ALSO CONFIRMED OUTLINE OF PROPOSED AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, AS FOLLOWS:

-- IN ADDITION TO NORMAL AIRPORT SECURITY FORCES, A SPECIALLY CREATED POLICE UNIT WILL BE STATIONED AT NARITA TO ASSURE AIRPORT SECURITY.

-- AUGMENTED SECURITY FORCES WOULD ALSO PROTECT AIRPORT-RELATED FACILITIES OUTSIDE AIRPORT PERIMETER, INCLUDING RAILWAY USED TO PROVIDE JET FUEL TO NARITA; AND EXTEND SURVEILLANCE OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE FROM OUTSIDE AIRPORT.

-- VIOLENT ULTRA-LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE SCREENED
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TO FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY EXISTING LEGISLATION AND APPROVAL OF OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL BE SOUGHT FOR NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT CONTROLLING EXTREMISTS.
-- ON PUBLIC RELATIONS FRONT, ADDITIONAL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN COOPERATION OF FARMERS LIVING IN NARITA VICINITY AND EXPLAIN TRUE NATURE OF EXTREMIST GROUPS TO NATION AND WORLD.

4. COMMENTING ON DECISIONS AT UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION, PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT NARITA WOULD OPEN MAY 20 AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REACHING ACCOMMODATION WITH FARMERS OPPOSING NARITA (THEREBY DEPRIVING EXTREMISTS OF ANY SEMBLANCE OF LEGITIMACY). TRANSPORTATION MINISTER FUKUNAGA, RESPONDING TO CALLS FROM LDP HAWKS FOR STIFF NEW LEGISLATION AIMED AT EXTREMISTS, UNDERSCORED NEED TO APPLY EXISTING LEGISLATION TO FULLEST BEFORE CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL MEASURES. POLICE AGENCY CHIEF ASANUMA, TOO, TOOK CAUTIOUS LINE AT PRESS CONFERENCE, EMPHASIZING NECESSITY OF AVOIDING UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH NARITA SECURITY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW NARITA POLICE SECURITY FORCE WOULD BE

ESTABLISHED AT 1,500 MEN, PROVIDING THREE 500-MAN SHIFTS,
WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR REQUIRED PATROLS.

5.COMMENT.NEW AIRPORT OPENING-CEREMONY DATE COMES AFTER
DECISION WAS TWICE POSTPONED. DESPITE FUKUDA'S PUBLIC
DISPLAY OF DETERMINATION, FAILURE OF CABINET TO SET
DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS APPARENTLY
REFLECTS CONTINUED NERVOUSNESS OVER AIRPORT SECURITY
AND AWARENESS OF POTENTIALLY SERIOUS POLITICAL CON-
SEQUENCES OF REPEATED FAILURE TO START OPERATIONS ONCE
NEW SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED. ALTHOUGH CABINET APPROVAL
OF SECURITY GUIDELINES PROVIDES OVERALL GUIDANCE
NECESSARY FOR CONCERNED MINISTRIES AND POLICE, NEW
LEGISLATION MAY BE PROBLEMATIC. WHILE AT LEAST ONE
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SOURCES TELL US THAT POLITICIANS ARE HAVING SECOND
THOUGHTS ABOUT TAMPERING WITH SENSITIVE PUBLIC-SAFETY
LEGISLATION. SOCIALISTS, INITIALLY INCLINED TOWARD
SUPPORT, NOW FIRMLY OPPOSE NEW LEGISLATION, AND, ACCORDING
TO VETERAN REPORTER, LDP AND EVEN CABINET ARE DIVIDED
OVER NEED FOR ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION. WITHOUT IT,
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HUTS NOW LOCATED ON PRIVATE LAND ADJACENT TO AIRPORT
WHICH SERVE AS SANCTUARIES FOR RADICALS WOULD REMAIN
INVIOLENT, BUT ALL AGREE THERE IS MUCH WHICH CAN BE
DONE TO HAMPER EXTREMISTS WITHIN EXISTING LEGAL LIMITS.
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